

## **Pre-White House Conference on Aging Activities in North Carolina**

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### **March 2005**

#### **March 15<sup>th</sup>: afternoon session**

##### **North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature Pre-White House Conference Activity**

##### **Holiday Inn Brownstone Hotel, Raleigh**

Contact: Mary Bethel, NC Division of Aging and Adult Services, (919) 733-0440  
Free, but only Senior Tar Heel Delegates and Alternates participated in voting

##### **Forum Intent:**

The intent of the forum was to determine the three top aging policy priorities, in the view of the Senior Tar Heel Legislature. At the meeting, 86 Delegates and Alternates completed a survey that included 126 policy issues important for the future of the aging society. Staff at the Division of Aging and Adult Services compiled the results of the survey and gave an overview at the meeting the next day. After studying the items voted “most strongly supported” or “strongly supported” by the most members, the delegates and alternates selected their top three priorities for aging policy to be submitted at the Governor’s Advisory Council’s Pre-White House Conference on Aging in May.

### **April 2005**

#### **April 14<sup>th</sup>: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

##### **North Carolina Association on Aging’s Pre-White House Conference on Aging (in conjunction with their annual conference)**

##### **Blockade Runner Beach Hotel and Conference Center, Wrightsville Beach**

Contact: Candie Rudzinski, President, 1-800-252-2899

Free if just attending the Forum, and not the Conference

##### **Forum Intent:**

At the forum, participants had the chance to:

- Hear from national leaders in the field of aging services, including Costsa Miskis, Regional Administrator for the U.S. Administration on Aging and Sandy Markwood, CEO of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging.
- Share your own views about aging issues of national and state significance and make recommendations for improving services,

programs, benefits, protections, and opportunities for older adults and aging Baby Boomers.

A report will be sent to the national White House Conference on Aging Policy Committee and will also be presented to the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging's Pre-White House Conference on Aging event on May 28<sup>th</sup> in Raleigh.

#### **April 20<sup>th</sup>**

##### **2005 Pre-White House Conference on Aging**

**Sponsored by the Eastern Carolina Council on Aging, the Albemarle Commission Area Agency on Aging, and the Mid-East Commission on Aging**

**Beaufort County Community College, Building 10**

Contact: Tonya Cedars, Director, Eastern Carolina Council on Aging, (252) 638-3185, Susan Scurria, Director Albemarle Commission on Aging, (252) 426-5753, and/or Cynthia Davis, Mid-East Commission on Aging, (252-974-1835)

##### **Forum Intent:**

Voices from over 24 eastern North Carolina counties were heard at the forum. Over 70 people attended, including people representing consumers, family caregivers, providers, professional associations, advocates, governments, LTC facilities, academia, and media. Two aging issues rose to the top, but two were identified as equal in status. In an effort to send only three aging priorities forward to the state pre-White House Conference on Aging, a straw vote from the floor was taken between the two equal priorities to break the tie.

#### **April 20<sup>th</sup>: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

##### **2005 Pre-White House Conference on Aging**

**Nash County Community College**

Contact: Heather Proctor, Director, Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments' Area Agency on Aging, (252) 446-0411 or [hproctor@ucpcog.org](mailto:hproctor@ucpcog.org)  
Free

##### **Forum Intent:**

The Pre-White House Conference on Aging had three important objectives:

- To provide a conference for you, an individual, group, or organization interested in aging issues to learn more about aging policy issues and to share your thoughts openly.
- To provide the Area Agency on Aging and the White House Conference on Aging with issues and policy recommendations identified as vital to our senior adults and family caregivers.
- To increase public awareness about senior adults and family caregivers in our five county region.

At the end of the conference, sponsoring staff will work to present a 5-page report to the White House Conference on Aging with our thoughts on the most critical policy issues.

**April 21<sup>st</sup>: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**2005 Pre-White House Conference on Aging**

**Sponsored by the Mid-Carolina Council of Governments' Area Agency on Aging,  
the Lumber River Council of Governments' Area Agency, and the Cape Fear  
Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging**

**Sampson County Agri-Exposition Center**

Contact: Jane Jones, (910) 395-4553, Margaret Kelly, ((910) 618-5533, and/or Carolyn  
Tracy (910) 323-4191

Free, lunch was provided

**Forum(s) Intent:**

The White House Conference on Aging occurs once a decade to make policy recommendations to the President and Congress, and to assist the public and private sectors in promoting dignity, health, independence, and economic security of current and future generations of older people. The Eastern NC Forums will provide us with an opportunity to share our issues and recommendations to the state and federal levels.

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**May 18<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**North Carolina Speaks to the White House Conference on Aging**

**Sponsored by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging**

**Holiday Inn Brownstone Hotel, Raleigh**

Contact: Julie Bell, NC Division of Aging and Adult Services, (919) 733-0440 or  
[Julie.Bell@ncmail.net](mailto:Julie.Bell@ncmail.net)

\$20 registration fee, includes lunch and breaks

**Forum Intent:**

To help prepare North Carolina's national White House Conference on Aging delegates for the Conference in October, the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is holding a special forum to allow groups and organizations interested in aging issues to share their recommendations in an open and constructive manner. Groups and organizations interested in aging policy across the state have been asked to hold focus groups and determine the top three aging priorities within their communities. These priorities will be shared at the forum and similarities will be determined. The Council will use the input received at this forum to plan a briefing session for North Carolina's delegation. Beverly Perdue, Lieutenant Governor, will give the keynote address at lunch. To register, please visit the NC WHCoA website at <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/aging/whcoa/whcoahome.htm>.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**"The Booming Dynamics of Aging: A Mini White House Conference on  
Aging in the Northwest Piedmont"**

**Winston-Salem State University, Thompson Conference Center**

Contact: Dean Burgess, Director, Northwest Piedmont Area Agency on Aging,  
(336) 761-2111, [dburgess@nwpcog.org](mailto:dburgess@nwpcog.org)

Free

**Forum Intent:**

The Mini White House Conference on Aging will help:

- Provide a forum for individuals, groups, and organizations from the Northwest Piedmont who are interested in aging issues to share their recommendations in an open and constructive manner;
- Provide information that can be used for the following purposes:
  - To influence the work of the National White House Conference on Aging Policy Committee in the development of their policy agenda;
  - To inform NC's Governor and Congressional Delegation of the issues and policy recommendations identified as vital to the future of the Northwest Piedmont seniors and baby boomers;
  - To provide background information for use by NC's delegates to the National White House Conference on Aging in October, 2005, and
  - To elevate public awareness about the aging of NC and important issues of national, state, and regional significance.

**May 25<sup>th</sup>: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**“Boomers’ Issues: News You Can Use”**

**The Haven at Highland Creek (Charlotte)**

Contact: The Haven at Highland Creek, (704) 992-1560

Free, but space is limited

**Forum Intent:**

The 2005 White House Conference on Aging will focus on opportunities and challenges presented by the retirement of the 78 million baby boomers in the coming years. At this forum, we will develop policy recommendations on five different topics to send to the White House Conference on Aging. The major topics include: Crime and Safety, Aging in Place, Health Care and Challenges, Employee and Employer Issues in the Future, and Caregivers: Caught in the Middle.

**May 26<sup>th</sup>: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**“Shaping the Solutions for Successful Aging”**

**The Haven at Highland Creek (Charlotte)**

Contact: Covenant Presbyterian Church, (704) 527-8807

Cost: \$25, includes lunch

**Forum Intent:**

The “Shaping the Solutions for Successful Aging” event will include keynote addresses by Lieutenant Governor Beverly Perdue and Carmen Hooker Odom, Secretary of the NC Department of Health and Human Services. In addition, there will be a town hall session with Mike Collins from Charlotte Talks and

Carol Crecy from the US Administration on Aging as hosts. Finally, break out sessions will finish the day and includes topics such as crime and safety, health care challenges and disparities, and building community infrastructure.

**May 26<sup>th</sup>: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**"Building Senior-Friendly Communities in North Carolina"**

Warren Wilson College, Asheville, NC

Contact: Maggie MacCormack, Land-of-Sky Regional Council Area  
Agency on Aging, 828-251-6622

**Forum Intent:**

Community leaders and elected officials are invited to the event to discuss policies and issues that will lead to implementing county-wide projects aimed toward development of such communities. Some of those issues are: easier access to services; alternative kinds of transportation; support of health promotion and disease prevention activities; lifelong learning opportunities; and collaborative efforts to improve elderly services.

<b>June 2005</b>
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